State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources PO Box 7921, Madison WI 53707-7921

Permit Application For Snowmobile Rail Crossing

Form 8700-254 (R 01/03)

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Notice: This form is authorized under s. 350.138, Wis. Stats. Completion of this form is mandatory. Failure to submit a completed form, attachments and the required fee of \$150 to the Department may result in a denial of the crossing application. Personally identifiable information found on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

No person may construct or maintain a snowmobile rail crossing that is not located on a rail crossing of a public highway or street unless the person is a snowmobile organization and either the person has a permit approved by the Department or the snowmobile rail crossing is an established snowmobile rail crossing. A permit is not necessary for an established rail crossing used by snowmobiles or maintained by a snowmobile organization for use by snowmobiles for at least 5 winters of the last 10 years.

Important: Submit one copy of this Permit Application For Snowmobile Rail Crossing along with the appropriate supporting material (listed below) to the appropriate DNR regional office.

Name of Snowmobile Club, Alliance or County

Contact Person									
Last Name	First			MI	Business Telephone Number			Home Telephone Number	
Address					Name of Railroad Authority Having Jurisdiction Over Trackage				
City			ZIP Code		Name of Operating Railroad if Different From Above				
Crossing Location	1								
1/4 / 1/4	1/4	Section			Township N		Range	E/W	Milepost (if known)
Construction Components					Leave Blank - DNR Use Only				
Approach Materials Asphalt Aggregate					Maximum Allowable Speed Fee Received \$			Date Applic	ation Received
Materials To Be At	tached To The Ap	plication			\$				

- A. A map showing the crossing location, on a map with a scale of at least 1:150,000 (This is the scale used in the Wisconsin Atlas and Gazetteer).
- B. A site plan with an appropriate scale showing the railroad tracks and right-of-way, proposed trail corridor and alignment of crossing, location of snowmobile trails that will connect with the crossing, outline of sight distances and any limitations, gate/barrier locations, crossbuck/sign locations, any other roads or development, lakes or streams and property boundaries if within 100 feet of the crossing. Please note: If there is a doubt as to the maximum allowable train speed and the resulting minimum clear site distances, contact Larry Freidig at 608-266-5897or Larry.Freidig@dnr.state.wi.us.
- C. Construction plans shall show all proposed grading/filling and shall consist of the following:
 - A longitudinal cross section with an appropriate scale on the centerline of the snowmobile trail through the railroad tracks extending 30 feet on either side of each outer rail. This section should include the elevation of approaches (both at 4 feet and 26 feet from each outer rail), any proposed cut or fill, location of drainage structures, if any, and approach surface.
 - 2. A list of materials that will be used in the construction of the crossing.
 - 3. Narrative description of any topography or vegetative management issues in obtaining and maintaining clear sight distances.

A sample site plan and longitudinal cross section of the centerline of the snowmobile trail through the railroad tracks is located on the back of this application.

D. A copy of the liability insurance certificate. Please note:

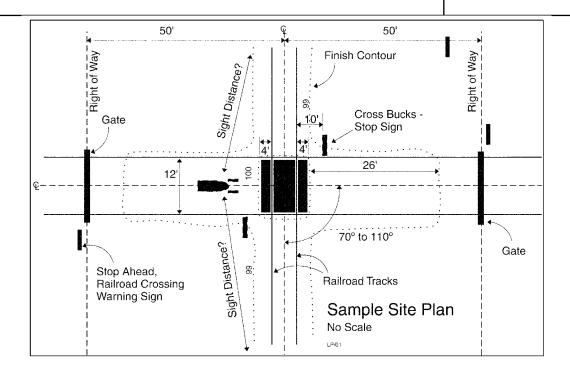
At least \$2,000,000 liability insurance is required. The liability insurance coverage shall indemnify the rail authority for damages resulting from the design, construction, existence, maintenance and use of the permitted snowmobile rail crossing. Liability insurance indemnifying a rail authority that is a rail transit body shall also indemnify the owners and operators of any railroad using the tracks of the rail transit body. Note: A snowmobile organization need not provide liability insurance to indemnify the rail authority for injuries sustained by a person engaged in a recreational activity if the rail authority would be immune from liability for those injuries under s. 895.52, Stats.

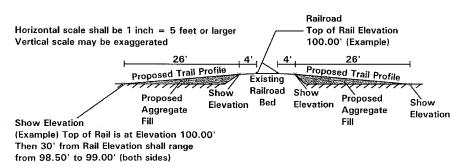
Certification

I hereby certify that all the information contained herein is true and accurate. I understand that the design of the portion for which the snowmobile organization has responsibility shall comply with the conditions specified in s. NR 6.43, Wis. Adm. Code, and that it will be constructed in compliance with those standards. I further understand that the portion of the crossing for which the snowmobile organization has responsibility will be maintained in accordance with standards established in s. NR 6.44, Wis. Adm. Code. I understand that failure to comply with the requirements of ss. NR 6.43 through 6.45 and the conditions of the permit that may be issued for this crossing may result in the revocation of the permit and closure or removal of the crossing.

Signature and Title of Authorized Representative of the Snowmobile Organization

Date Signed





Longitudinal Section
Centerline - Snowmobile Trail